

COOLBINIA BOMBERS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Statement by Member for Yokine

MR R.C. KUCERA (Yokine) [12.54 pm]: Last Sunday I had the privilege of presenting the registration caps to the Auskick kids of the Coolbinia Bombers Junior Football Club. The club president, Vince Mirauda, and his committee of Errol Crouch, Chris Sara, Karen Schaafsma, Ann Ford, Jenny Sara, Sandra Dalli, Ted Boronovskis, Lino Santella, Chris Prast and Kevin Hall made me very welcome. Kendal O'Reilly got me fired up with the usual sausage sizzle and a mug of tea from the canteen as the kids and their parents were led through the skills that will, hopefully, turn them into a future Chris Judd or Peter Bell. Keith Henneker, the Auskick coach, is an outstanding teacher of youngsters. I urge anyone who wants to see what our great game is all about to go to their local Auskick program and see what I mean. The future of footy is alive and well. It was a joy to see so many youngsters and their parents kicking, hand-balling and marking the Burley. Jason Thomas, the nine's coach, and Brad Sumpter and David Tomasi, the ten's coaches, led their respective charges, assisted by senior players from the East Perth Football Club. A special innovation this year is the introduction of an all-girls' team. That may be an indication of things to come - perhaps for the Dockers! I also thank all the other grade coaches, Silvio Trinca, Greg Houston, Billy Menegola, Richard Grubb, Kaylene Bozich, Graham Keefe, Laurie Hart, David O'Reilly, Graham Begg, Mark D'Mello, Greg Quain, Kelvin Sharp, Jim Vellios and Leo Schaafsma. The enthusiasm of these kids is infectious. The most important thing was that they were participating, regardless of their level of skill. I applaud the club and the parents, who were just as keen as the kids. The greatest gift we can give our children is the love of our great game and the opportunity to simply play it. Finally, I thank the City of Stirling, which bends over backwards for its junior clubs, for ensuring that the club's siren can be heard by all at the ground, including the umpires! The juniors are in good hands. Go the Bombers!